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When [by the grace of God,] you believe with all your heart, [you will know] God [everlastingly smiles] upon you, and [therefore He will] calm your troubled soul, and hush the raging storms of a guilty conscience, for the sake of the satisfaction which He received in the obedience of Christ, as the *substitute* and *surety* of His people. This is the *Urim** and the *Thummim***—the *light** and the *perfection***—of the gospel, beaming upon us through the twelve stars—the apostles of the Lamb, pacifying the conscience, and answering the important question—*"What shalt I do to be saved?"* I feel within me a sea of corruption, but I know that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin [Exodus 28:30, 1 John 1:7].

Faith and obedience are inseparable, and the former is dead without the latter [James 2:20]. They wrought together in Abel, and therefore he offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain [Genesis 4:1-5]. They wrought together in Noah, and led him to prepare an ark to the saving of his house [Genesis 6,7]. Abraham not only believed that God would give him and his seed the land of Canaan; but he set forth at the Divine command, not knowing whither he went [Genesis 12:1-8]. Moses not only believed that God would deliver Israel out of Egypt; but, in obedience to His command, he *"refused to be called the son of: Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season"* (Hebrews 11:24-25). Thus, true faith always leads to obedience. It is a living principle, by which the soul is quickened from the death of sin to a new life of holiness [in and by Christ alone]. It is the means through which, by the Holy Ghost, we are created anew in Christ Jesus unto good works [Ephesians 2:8-10]. It works by love, and love is always the great motive to obedience. It gives us large and clear views of the love of God in Christ; then *"we love Him because He first loved us;"* and *"this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments"* (1 John 4:19,5:3). Thus, by faith [the gift of God], *"the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts,"* (Romans 5:5) leading us to a holy life [in and by Christ alone]. Such is the connection between *faith* and *obedience*, and the necessity of one to the other.

And now, brethren, let us trust in *the Captain of our salvation*. In the ages before His advent, many sons were brought to glory through faith in His future sufferings. In the fulness of time, He visited our world; assumed our nature; atoned for our transgressions; and, ascending to the right hand of the Father, as our representative and intercessor, [and] *"became the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him"* (Hebrews 5:9) [AMEN!]. — C.E.

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[BELOVED], *"… it became Him, for Whom are all things, and by Whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their Salvation perfect through sufferings."* The term rendered Captain is not [infrequently] applied to our blessed Lord. *"The Prince of Life,"* (Acts 3:15); *"A Prince and a Saviour,"* (Acts 5:31); "*The Author and Finisher of our faith,"* (Hebrew 12:2). The prime idea is that of Leader, Author, [and] Prince. The subject then, beloved brethren, which lies before us [in Hebrews 2:10], is one of the deepest interest; of vast and abiding importance; of no less moment than the consideration of the Captain of our Salvation. May the Lord the Spirit touch every [reader's] heart and turn every [reader's] eye to Him [who is our *all, and in all* (Colossians 3:11)]. [AMEN!]—J.H.

WELCOME

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday!
Angela Church, August 3rd
Troy Church, August 5th

RESOURCES

BE sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

GRACE ARTICLES

Glorious shall be the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

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GLORIOUS…shall be the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto Him. They shall come *from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other* [Matthew 24:31]; from every age of the world: Patriarchal, Levitical, and this last time [Hebrews 1:1-3]. The Jew and the Greek shall be there; Barbarian, Scythian, bond and free, shall all be represented in that glad [multitude]. Christ was their *all in all* [Colossians 3:11]; and now they shall be forever His *joy and crown*. The graves of many generations shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and, as the womb of the earth, open and deliver up them that sleep in Him. The noble army of Martyrs shall share the triumphs of that great day. Those, who, like Himself, were crucified; the slain with the sword; those whom the world threw to the wild beasts, that with cruel sport they might thus feast their eyes; and those who were reduced to ashes at the stake for *the testimony of Jesus* [Revelation 19:10]; the stoned and the sawn asunder, the banished ones to distant places—they shall all be caught up to meet the Lord in the air! Nor shall they be forgotten who have slept many ages in ocean's depths: the fountains thereof shall be broken up, and this rich deposit restored back to God; for in *bringing many sons unto glory*, *the Captain of their Salvation*, *made perfect through sufferings*, *shall see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied* [Hebrews 2:10, Isaiah 55:11].

Oh, hasten thy dawn, thou long-looked-for day: *"the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God;"* (Romans 8:19) when we shall meet patriarchs, prophets, and righteous men of old; apostles, evangelists, and the many saints gone to their rest; and the missionary, who now leaves his home to toil for his Master amid dark superstition, and each faithful pastor, who is wise to win souls; the poor, the maimed, the halt, and the blind, who follow the Lord fully, bounding with joy; for they are made whole of whatsoever disease they had; yea, all the faithful in Christ Jesus: *"A great multitude, which no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues, before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and* [crying] *with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb"* (Revelation 7:9-10). [AMEN!] — J.H.